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Department of Water Resources

Department of Water Resources Norm Young P.O. Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0098

Re: Huggins/Ellwein letter

Dear Norm:

First we would like to say that we have full confidence in the employee's of the district. Ron is a competent manager and carries out the wishes of the board very well. We feel that the letter sent from the BLID is what, basically, was decided by the board. We do not understand why a minority of the board would write a letter to you withdrawing their support of previous board action.

There has been some overdrafts, a few from out of district which shouldn't have happened. The in district overdrafts are primarily from early right holders whom will have plenty of water to "pay back" their overdrafts if necessary.

It is our opinion that there is water in surplus of what will be demanded by stored right holders. With this in mind we could see no reason not to allow a little more over drafting of the "in district" accounts in order that all right holders may complete their crops. Also we have to do repair work on one of the gates in the reservoir and it will need to be drained at the end of the season, consequently any water left will be lost..

We feel that the board' action was in the best interest of the entire valley. After conferring with the water master, yourself and patrons of the district at the last board meeting, we determined that no ones water rights would be damaged.

If you have any questions feel free to contact one of us at any time.

Sincerely,

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